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1. [redacted] Sat in on a meeting of Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, Senate Judiciary Internal Security Subcommittee, and [redacted] to discuss the Agency contribution to the staff study on the [redacted] being prepared by Tarabochia. The parameters of the Agency input were generally agreed upon. Tarabochia hoped to complete the study during the recess, which ends in mid-November.

2. [redacted] Called Paul Hoff, Legislative Counsel to the Subcommittee on Reorganization, Research and International Organizations, Senate Committee on Government Operations, about S. 260, the Government in the Sunshine Act. Hoff said that further action on the bill was unlikely this session, but he was sure the Subcommittee would report the bill in the next Congress. I told him we had problems with some sections and he invited us to submit our comments to the Subcommittee. See Memorandum for the Record.

3. [redacted] Called Anthony Kochanek, State Department, to raise Mr. Miller's concerns over the proposed State response to Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) on the Abourezk amendment (restricting covert actions) to S. 3394, Foreign Assistance Act. Kochanek said State was attempting to get off the hook for a letter since the amendment had already been defeated. In case they are unsuccessful, I raised the problem with Kochanek and he volunteered to clear a final letter with me if one was required.

4. [redacted] Received a call from Frank Fortune, Coordinator, Subcommittee on Investigations, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, requesting, for Chairman Thaddeus J. Dulski's (D., N.Y.) [redacted]

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5.

Jim Oliver, National Security and International Affairs, OMB, called referencing an article in the 30 September issue of Aviation Week & Space Technology and asked if our Intelligence Sources and Methods legislation proposal was pending before Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi's Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee. I reviewed the status with him and told him that it was not. I said the Director was still very interested in pushing the proposal and we were considering recommending in our legislation submission program to OMB that the proposal be elevated for inclusion in the Presidential program and perhaps a Presidential message. I asked Oliver if he felt this would be a good move on our part. He was generally doubtful and said he would check with George Gilbert, Legislative Reference, OMB, and later called me back and said that Gilbert shared his feeling and pointed out that we had effected coordination with Justice and the proposal was not very popular. I countered that the President had endorsed special treatment for intelligence information in his letters on the Freedom of Information legislation but Oliver observed that the President's advisors see a difference on opposing as opposed to proposing legislation.

We also discussed CIARDS funding and I indicated I thought an internal decision was imminent and that I thought it might be to adopt precedent legislation and that the informal soundings we had taken on the Hill were somewhat divided, either favoring direct annual appropriations or the adoption of precedent legislation. Oliver again pushed the concept of merger with the Civil Service System and in response to my queries he said he had gotten a favorable response from the Civil Service Commission but the retirement program itself may have to be an adjunct to the Civil Service legislation. I said that I didn't think our committees would buy the accompanying loss of jurisdiction but it is clear that Oliver sees substantial savings in the intelligence budget as a result of a merger and feels that this benefit may outweigh the disadvantages. He said he intends to send a letter to the Agency in the next several weeks asking for long-range plans on solving the CIARDS funding and I said that I thought by that time the Agency would have made a decision from the alternatives.

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6. [] Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, came to the Agency for briefings by [] EA Division, and Les Dirks, DDS&T, in connection with our trip next week.

7. [] Together with [] OCI, and [] DDO/NE Division, met with Norvill Jones and George Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and discussed with them the current picture of the Persian Gulf area together with general information on arms procurement from the Soviets, French, etc. A final itinerary for the trip will be available late tomorrow or Monday. Appropriate notification will be given to the field after receipt of the detailed itinerary. Requests for meetings with Agency officials where desired will be through the Ambassador.

8. [] Per a discussion with Ann Brown, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, the scheduling for the meeting with Richard M. Moose and Charles F. Meissner of the Committee staff was changed to 10:00 a.m., Monday, 21 October. Briefings will be given here at the Headquarters building. [] OCI, has been advised.

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